samples that were found to be without residual chlorine were mostly from J J colonies, resettlement colonies and unauthorised colonies where socio-economic conditions, personal higiene standards and water storage practices are either poor or not upto the mark. In areas without piped water suppy or where the piped water supply is scarce, the ground water is drawn through hand pumps and other devices. The shallow ground water has been found to be contaminated in some such cases.

(c) The following steps are being taken to make the water potable:

(i) Surveilance of water quality is being maintained both the Delhi Jai Board and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi by regular collection and testing of samples, particularly from the vulnerable areas;

(ii) In areas without piped water supply, chlorinated water is being provided through tankers;

(iii) Chlorine tablets for chlorinating water at home has also been arranged in areas without piped water; and

(iv) Health education compaigns with appropriate messages are also being conducted regularly.

Setting up of Earthquake and Typhoon Resistant Housing Units by Canadian Building Firm

1659. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) and the Governments of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have jointly placed order on a leading Canadian Building firm to set up six earthquake and typhoon resistant low cost housing units; and

(b) by when, these units will be ready for operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Utilization of funds under poverty alleviation programmes

1660. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state: